

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 567

By Hensley

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Haley Turrentine upon her first place finish at the state championship of the Tennessee National Archery in the Schools Program.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful athletes that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, Haley Turrentine is one such estimable athlete that recently was named the individual winner for the middle school female division at the third annual Tennessee National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) state championship, held at Hyde-Burks Agricultural Pavilion in Cookeville on March 12; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee began NASP in late 2004 with twelve pilot schools participating in the program; now, with participation growing to more than 100 schools, NASP is a statewide school curriculum teaching international style target archery; and

WHEREAS, the tournament, sponsored by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency and Tennessee Tech University, hosted over 500 participants, with eleven teams competing in the middle school division; medals were presented to the top five female and male finishers in each division; and

WHEREAS, each student shot thirty arrows, fifteen from a ten-meter distance and fifteen from a fifteen-meter distance, in an attempt to accrue a maximum score of 300 points; and

WHEREAS, Haley Turrentine, a student at E. O. Coffman Middle School in Lawrenceburg, was the individual winner for the middle school female division; with a steady hand, tremendous strength, and her eye on the target, she earned an outstanding total score of 253 points; and

WHEREAS, the top team and top five individuals in each division automatically received a bid to compete in the 2009 NASP Tournament, held May 8 - 9 in Louisville, Kentucky, and Ms. Turrentine more than qualified with her exceptional performance at the state championship; and

WHEREAS, at the national tournament, with steady composure and bow and arrow in hand, Haley Turrentine performed admirably, scoring a total of 261 points during six different sets of shooting, finishing 101 out of 568 national competitors in her division, and bringing honor to her family, her school, her community, and the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, during this incredible archery season, Haley Turrentine etched her name onto the hearts of Tennesseans and into the annals of Tennessee sports history; her dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent not only made possible a successful and memorable season, but also surely point toward her successes in future endeavors; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Haley Turrentine upon capturing top honors in the middle school female division at the state championship of the Tennessee National Archery in the Schools Program, applaud her heralded success and admirable performance at the NASP national competition, and offer our best wishes for her continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.